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No sciences are better attested than the religion of the Bible.—Sir Isaac Newton.

GET INTO IT, EVERYBODY!

Get Behind the Mid-Pacific Carnival Company, Ltd., and drive it through to success!

The plans of the finance committee, submitted at a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association yesterday, and the program of the director-general, are good plans and a good program. They have the right ring of enthusiasm and of substance.

If these plans are given any decent kind of loyal support by the commercial bodies, they will be successful.

The Star-Bulletin believes in a popular stock subscription. Don't expect the "big fellows" to do it all. As a matter of fact, they shouldn't do it all, for that means that there will be no personal interest in Carnival Week on the part of the majority of people. Every man who gets personally interested in the Carnival will help it along, and the way to get him personally interested is to get his subscription, large or small, to the stock of the proposed company.

The people of Honolulu and of the territory generally should be asked to come forward with moderate stock subscriptions, according to their means.

There is just as much home patriotism and public spirit in the heart of the little fellow as in the heart of the big fellow.

To promote the popular subscription idea, the Star-Bulletin will undertake to publish in its columns blank subscription coupons, to be cut out by readers, filled out and mailed, with the money or a promise to pay when called upon, to such officer or committee of the Carnival as the management shall designate.

Get behind the Carnival, everybody, and drive it through to the biggest success yet!

A COMMISSION THAT SHOULD BE UPHOLD

Legal lights may differ from now to doomsday on the powers of the Honolulu Civil Service Commission, but the legal lights and the laymen in general will all agree that the commission is doing remarkably good work.

Deputy Attorney P. L. Weaver's statement in the Star-Bulletin yesterday, questioning the right of the commission to hear the McDuffie and Kellett police cases, raises a point that will be further emphasized when his formal report is made to the board of supervisors. Mr. Weaver believes that the last legislature did not provide the commission with powers other than to formulate and administer rules and regulations relating to the examination, employment and promotion of members of the police and fire departments.

The question is one that should be solved in the courts if necessary, and solved immediately, for the whole work of the commission to date rests on the theory that it is clothed with broad powers. Chairman Wirtz and his associates have gone ahead with conspicuous energy and intelligence in reorganizing the structure of the two departments to bring them upon a sane civil service basis.

Laying aside the question of technicalities, the Star-Bulletin believes that the intent of the last legislature was to create a civil service commission with broad powers. This is plainly shown by the language of the act, which places the formulation of rules and regulations entirely within the jurisdiction of the commission and thus indicates that the lawmakers relied upon the discretion of the commission to organize their work as seemed best fitted to promote the good of the fire and police services. Confident in this expression of discretion, the commission has gone ahead on the lines laid down by a successful mainland commission, that of Cleveland, Ohio. Its work has been good enough to suggest that if a legal decision holds now that it has exceeded its authority, additional authority should be given it by the next legislature.

URGES CONCRETE ROADS

Waterbound macadam roads are obsolete and their further construction is a waste of public funds, declares former President Lewis R. Speare of the American Automobile Association. Speare is a strong believer in concrete roads, and he speaks of a plan for maintenance that is admirable. This plan, in brief, is constant attention.

The highway expert insists that the only proper way to figure on the cost of a road is to

consider both the original cost and the expense of maintenance for a period of ten to fifteen years. Under present conditions of travel a macadam road would have to be resurfaced every two or three years, and would be in bad condition two-thirds of the time. The aggregate cost would be far greater than that of a concrete road with a bituminous surface and the latter would present a good road all the time.

MANOA INDORSES THE FRONTAGE-TAX

Manoa Improvement Club is coming to the front with a suggestion for local progress that is emphatically practicable. Property-owners of the Manoa district plan, through their active improvement club, to determine on a number of needed street improvements and voluntarily sign up the owners of frontage in favor of the project. Then the supervisors will be asked to apply the frontage-tax plan under the laws passed by the last legislature and to proceed with the work.

This is the local-improvement system in its ideal form—the request for the improvement coming direct from the property-owners who voluntarily agree to pay for their proportion of the benefits derived. That the Manoa Improvement Club is taking the matter up in this spirit is particularly encouraging. There is no question that Manoa needs a good deal of municipal street-work, that section of the city having had comparatively little attention for several years. With an active and thoroughly representative club to voice the needs of the Manoaites, the now-tentative plans for a local district to be worked out under the roads committee will soon assume more definite form.

Kaimuki and Manoa clubs within a week have now heartily indorsed the frontage-tax laws. If the supervisors wish to get the will of the community, here is the will of two important sections of the community spoken in terms that cannot be misunderstood.

Manoa and Kaimuki demand action under the local-improvement laws. They demand action in the sovereign name of the people of Honolulu.

TO THE VICTOR THE SPOILS

Republican office-holders are beginning to lose their scalps now. A United States marshal in Washington has been asked to resign for the good of the service, though no charges have been filed against him. The Democrats have just passed the urgent deficiency bill with a "rider" which removes certain classes of federal deputies from the protection of the civil service system. President Wilson signed the bill and explained that as he would be responsible for appointments, no harm to efficiency would be done and he would see that the "spoils system" did not rule. Nevertheless such an independent observer as Samuel Blythe of the Saturday Evening Post declares that the Democrats are on the verge of a determined assault on the whole structure of civil service, solely to open the gates to job-hunters. When President Wilson took office, he and his cabinet heads announced that efficient Republican office-holders would not be removed without good reason. Little by little a sincere resolve seems to have been undermined.

We are glad to learn that Captain of Detectives McDuffie intends to develop discipline and efficiency in his department. Loafing and card-playing around headquarters are to be eliminated, it is said. There is room for improvement.

The supervisor who says Honolulu needs a new sheriff instead of an instructor of police is a prominent Democrat. Evidently he is not so bound up in party ties that he is afraid to speak out.

"New record made in sustained flight," says a headline. Reading further, we discover it wasn't by Felix Diaz, after all.

Mrs. Pankhurst says she's been insulted by a marriage proposal. Can't she take a joke!

Somebody is going to put the ax in this Mexican climax before long.

Huerta is probably trying some of that "invisible government."

Now it's the civil service commission getting its raps.

The Mexican cabinet has been temporarily shelved.

Get together for the Mid-Pacific Carnival!

ARBOR DAY AT KALIHU-WAENA MADE NOTABLE

Many Speakers Address Large Gathering—New Spirit Is Lauded by Pacheco

Elaborate exercises in commemoration of Arbor Day were held this morning at Kalihu-waena school, beginning at 9 o'clock, this school holding one of the notable programs of the day. Among the speakers were superintendent T. H. Gibson, Principal J. M. Cox, Mrs. F. J. Lowrey of the Outdoor Circle, Forester Ralph Hosmer, President Ferdinand Schnack of the Kalihu Improvement Club and Supervisor M. C. Pacheco.

A large crowd was present. Golden Shower is being planted today in front of the school, and it is planned to make a long avenue of this handsome tree at the school.

Supervisor Pacheco's speech dwelt not only on Arbor Day but on municipal politics as well and he attacked the policy of the administration in spending money of its improvement funds in the Fourth district. He also spoke on the growing civic spirit in Honolulu and particularly in the Kalihu section.

Supervisor Pacheco said: "Ladies and Gentlemen: The simple act of planting the shade and ornamental trees on Gulick avenue today marks an epoch in the civic life of the fifth district, city and county of Honolulu. This is the first time that a group of citizens of this district, organized for the laudable purpose of bettering the civic condition of the district in which they live, have undertaken a public improvement that sets a new standard in community interest in the fifth district. It is true that a handful of public-spirited enthusiasts, known as the Ladies' Outdoor Circle, took the first step in the work of beautifying our district. The result of this unselfish labor and devotion to the city-beautiful idea is already apparent to any one passing Ala Park. The bougainvillea vines planted along the west bank of the Nuuanu stream, the outer edge of Ala Park, are now in bloom and the purple blossoms are a pleasing oasis for the eye to rest upon. The monkeypod trees planted at the margins of Ala Park are now developing very fast and in a short time the bright pink blossoms will act as an encouragement to the humble laborer on his way to his daily toil, and a sign of peace and refreshing sweetness when he returns home in the evening.

Heretofore the residents of this district have been lax and indifferent to their civic duty to the community. This has been due in a large measure to the past to the indifference and neglect of our local government to the needs of our district. While the creation of local self-government has been a great improvement over our former centralized form of government, many of the men who have been elected to public office in the past have forgotten the existence of this district as soon as they assumed public office. One thing they never forgot, however, was to come around regularly to collect the taxes and water rates and to make the usual promises about election time.

In his excellent talk to the Men's Club last Friday night Senator Judd said that in politics the competition between the fourth and fifth districts has been a bad thing for the city idea. The fourth district people feel no responsibility for the welfare of the city precincts of the fifth district and the country districts of the fifth district have shared the same feeling. I contend, however, that there has been no competition of any consequence between the two districts. The fifth district never had a chance to compete against the fourth district, because the latter district has monopolized all the public improvements in the past. Community selfishness, aided and abetted by partisan public officials, has done more to retard the proper expansion of Honolulu and to strangle civic interest in its people, than any other element in our complicated social and economic system. Political standards go hand in hand with civic standards. Political standards are like moral and religious standards—it all depends on the conscience of the individual.

"Unfortunately for Honolulu in the past there has always been with us a certain mercenary political element of easy and elastic conscience whose main efforts were directed to their perpetuation in office rather than to the common welfare of our city. I believe that we should have a law requiring our politicians to give a sufficient bond as a guaranty to the people, that they will carry out their election promises. It would be a good thing if men who are entrusted with public office should always keep

in mind that their tenure of political power is upon condition that it shall be exercised to improve the condition of his fellowmen and the whole community; and that a good government is the government that desires to make the people happy, and knows how to make them happy.

"Unfortunately for the development of the Fifth district in the past, the administrative branch of our local government unflinchingly centered all its efforts as regards public improvements, to what is known politically as the Fourth district. The west side of Nuuanu stream was unknown territory as regards public improvements, but was always thoroughly exploited for votes. Naturally the neglect and indifference of our government to the crying needs of our district has dulled the enthusiasm of our people and made them careless of their civic duties. But a new political era is dawning for the city of Honolulu; the gospel of the square deal to all the people of our beautiful city, regardless of their geographical position, is now being practiced. Under the salutary influence of the new order of things, the people are everywhere awakening to higher ideals and to a realization of their civic duty to themselves and to the whole community.

"The private and public acts of men are the books from which their neighbors judge them; what the sculptor's chisel is to the rough block of marble, example and education is to the human soul. The example in civic betterment and beautification we have witnessed today is bound to touch the civic conscience of people living upon other streets. This will lead to community rivalry and emulation that will be of great benefit to our city. In taking up the work of making our city cleaner, greater and more beautiful, we should keep in mind that the accomplishment of these purposes will make our people happier and better citizens. That sentiment in the mind of every man, woman and child is community strength of the highest value.

"And now just a few words to the children present and absent who are destined to be the ancestors of future generations. Please to keep in mind that the young trees that were just planted with such loving care are just like yourselves. They need kindness and attention. They will require water, sunshine and care to make them grow into strong, healthy, flowering trees. They need these things just as much as you need the kindness and love of your parents; just as badly as you require wholesome food, pure air and sunshine to make you grow up into the strong, healthy and God-fearing citizens of tomorrow. Please to keep in mind that after these young trees have grown up and attained their full growth and beauty they will afford just as much pleasure and comfort to the present and future generations as you are bound to afford comfort, pride and happiness to your parents and friends if you grow up in the firm resolution to do all things honorably and thoroughly. If you do these things you are sure to attain usefulness and eminence, and the respect of your fellowmen."

Practically every school in the territory is today holding exercises in recognition of Arbor Day, and many are the trees and shrubs which will be planted to adorn the school yard. The schools of Honolulu held programs of music and speaking this morning, and in many cases trees were planted. Most of the institutions dismissed at noon, while the others, having prepared more elaborate proceedings, remained until 2 o'clock. In the case of the planting of trees, each school chose a particular variety, and it was set in the ground with appropriate ceremony.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—C. A. COTTRILL: The tax regulations under the new federal income tax law are about the most complicated and exhaustive set of rules I ever encountered.

—JOSHUA D. TUCKER: When the public utilities commission gets into condition to handle business again I'm going to register one of the first complaints before it. I'm going to make a big kick against the practice of the Inter-Island Company of landing passengers at Nawiliwili at 3 a. m. It is unfair to the passengers and endangers their life and limb.

A riot started by 500 University of Minnesota students at a Minneapolis theater was quelled by the police after a desperate battle in which the doorkeeper was knocked unconscious.

A son was born to Mrs. Baden Powell, wife of General Baden Powell, on the first anniversary of their wedding. The general is the leader of the Boy Scout movement and is 31 years his wife's senior.

The first wireless operator on the steamship Mariposa was arrested at Juneau, Alaska, charged with concealing property stolen from the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company's manufacturing plant at Seattle.

FOR RENT

Kalakaua Avenue	4 bedrooms	\$60.00
Piikoi Street	3 bedrooms	\$45.00
Alaha Lane	2 bedrooms	20.00
Tantalus	3 bedrooms	45.00

FOR SALE

College Hills	House and lot	7350.00
Wilder Ave. & Kewalo St.	House and lot	7500.00
Anapuni Street	House and lot	4500.00
Piikoi Street	House and lot, including furniture	6500.00
Punahou Street	House and lot	8000.00
Young Street	House and lot	3500.00
Young Street	House and lot	2500.00
Parker Street, College Hills	Lot	2500.00

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COLOMBIA ENTERS UPON NEW ERA OF COMMERCIALISM

Settlement of Dispute and Exploitation of Resources Promised

[By Latest Mail]

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia. —There are two main reasons for Colombia considering itself on the eve of a much greater commercial and industrial development than has existed so far. In the first place, the government's arrangement with European capitalists to exploit the natural resources of the country is considered equivalent to the beginning of a new business era. Secondly, President Wilson's apparent desire that his administration advance negotiations for a settlement of the Panama question promises a peaceful solution of what has for 10 years been a vexatious problem.

Barranquilla, as well as Cartagena, a short distance to the south of here, will undoubtedly be the first cities to benefit most by the opening of the Panama canal and also by the development that is planned for the interior districts. The vast mineral and oil deposits are to be tapped, immigration is to be invited, and with these factors there must come increased demands for manufactured articles from without. Barranquilla, as well as Cartagena are the natural entrance points for the interior. As yet the Magdalena river is the only available outlet from Bogota, the capital, to the Atlantic ocean.

Industrial growth was the particular feature during the past year and a case in point was the construction of the hydroelectric plant and dredge for the Pato Mines Company, which cost upward of \$1,000,000. The mines are located near Zaragoza, on the Nechi river. Barranquilla has seen a number of new factories started within the past 12 months. The cotton factories and flour mills have made large additions to their properties. Near the city there have been increased sales of agricultural lands for the double purpose of placing the acres under better cultivation and of holding them as petroleum-producing properties.

The total declared exports from Colombia during 1912 have been satisfactory. The United States bought raw materials to the value of \$14,317,496, almost \$5,000,000 more than were purchased in the year before. The extension of the United Fruit Company's service has also materially increased tourist travel to Colombia. There is a growing tendency among business men in favor of having the government standard coin, which is now based on the pound sterling, placed on a par with the United States dollar.

Emily Thomas, the 16-year-old granddaughter of former Governor Bissell of Illinois, has disappeared from her home and is believed to be tramping her way to California in boy's clothing.

Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, daughter of J. P. Morgan, is devoting much of her time to teaching poor women of New York to economically furnish and care for their homes.

William Vernon Backus, a rich philosopher of Cleveland, has formed the Appreciation League of the United States to promote happiness. Acts of courtesy by employees will be reported at headquarters and notice of such reports sent to their employers.

Bargains in Lots

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Real Estate for Sale

One and one-half acres in Nuuanu Valley near car

House lot, Manoa Valley, 162x150 (24,300 sq. ft.)..... 3250

House and lot, Kaimuki, lot 100x150, with modern house..... 3500

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